

Letters concerning Miss Mary Rotch's Red French China.

First the Tea Set, 1843

List of articles ordered, Miss Rotch's writing.

- 4 dozen cups and saucers
- 4 dozen plates
- 3 cake plates
- 4 tea pots
- 2 coffee pots standing a little higher than the tea pots
- 2 sugar basins
- 2 cream jugs
- 2 slop basins
- 2 quart pitchers

Letter dated 'Havre, 5m 30th 1843' addressed to Miss Rotch.

Ma chère Amie, The day after the receipt of thy letter I went with Mrs. Winslow and our children to Paris where we selected a pattern for thy tea set etc. which I have just received and shipped on board the Iowa for New York consigned ~~to~~ to Barrow & Prior for account of Wm. R. Rodman to whom they are requested to forward the case marked W.R.R. 1.

I hope the porcelain will be to thy taste, it was the richest pattern in the great manufactory of Louis André & Cie who furnished John Hare Powell with a similar set.

If thou should at any time wish to procure any other articles from France remember that it will always give me great pleasure to serve thee, and I hope thou wilt command me freely.

I enclose the original invoice of the china with the expenses thereon.

Receive from Mrs. Winslow and myself the expression of our grateful remembrance, and present my civilities to M. Gifford.

Thy affectionate and devoted friend

Jer. Winslow

Letter sent on board the 'Argo' to Miss Rotch.

Rochecour, Jun. 23rd, 1846

Ma chere Amie,

Many many months have elapsed since I had the pleasure of receiving a line from thee, but I never fail when I see Capt. Anthony or any citizen of New Bedford to enquire after thy health; my brother Isaac having informed me that when he was at N.B. with his daughter thou wast suffering from indisposition, but I have since learned with much satisfaction that thy health had improved and I desire sincerely that it may be entirely restored, and that thou mayest yet enjoy many years of happiness.

I have put into Capt. Anthony's care a shawl for thee which I received ~~from~~ from Paris, and he has promised to take it to N. Bedford.

I am sufficiently vain to think that thou still feels some interest for one who once formed a part of thy father's family, and who received immeasurable mark of kindness from all its members; I shall therefore begin by stating that notwithstanding my white head I think my health as good as when we last met.

During the last year my wife was often indisposed and obliged to keep her chamber for a week at a time, but I hope she may still become a strong old woman.

My eldest daughter Caroline was married last spring to Albert Tscharner of Berne, an amiable, well-educated young man, who is all that I could desire in a son-in-law and partner in business, as our house is sufficiently large they continue to make a part of our family; our youngest daughter Maria would be very lonely if they were to leave us, ^{she} she is not yet sixteen but ^{she} has the appearance of a woman of twenty, is extremely lively, an incessant talker, and has discovered that she possesses ~~some~~ a belle voix, which she is improving by lessons in singing, and she does her part to enliven the family circle.

Our only son, Edward is still at college in Paris, where he is making progress in his studies, he is 3rd. in mathematics in a class of sixty, which induces me to believe that he may become a useful citizen. On the whole my dear friend I have abundant cause to be thankful for the satisfaction which my chil-

dren have thus far afforded me, and I most sincerely hope they may never swerve from the paths of virtue and honour.

Thou wilt probably say "My friend Jeremiah is certainly in his dotage to write so much of himself and of his family, what are they to me?"

But from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh and the fingers also; I am so much interested in whatever regards thee or thy family that I cannot help believing there is something of a fellow feeling on your part and I have written in consequence.

I forget whether I informed thee that in remembrance of your family I named our new place on the Cote d'Ingouville Rohecour, the orthography is a little changed to conform to the french pronunciation.

Whenever they health will permit thee to write it will afford me unspeakable pleasure to hear from thee.

If thou should be in want of any thing from this Country, please send to me thy orders, and I will attend to any commissions with much satisfaction.

I am most sincerely

Thy old friend

Jerse Winslow

The ^{Supper} ~~Tea~~ Set Letter to Jeremiah Winslow 1847.

New Bedford Jan'y 6th, 18⁴7

My dear friend

Thou hast been so kind in offering to do anything for me in France that I am tempted again to draw largely on this kindness in the matter of Porcelain.

The Tea service thou procured for me is so beautiful that I very much wish to have for a supper table Porcelain exactly like it, - manufactured by Louis Andrè & Cie, Rue de Paradis Poissonniere I think the bill says though it is not at hand. I send by Mr. Wm. Eliot a plate as a pattern for the whole, and having already a large number of these, I shall only want two dozen more shallow ones, and the rest deep, as per list.

for a party

Thou knowest what our supper tables ^{are} in New Bedford, - Nothing solid,

and plates
so that dishes for meat are not wanted,- But any additional pieces for light things that you think serviceable you will please to order without hesitation. That is to say if thou and Madame Winslow should chance to be in Paris after the receipt of this,- and if not, I have been very particular in my list which thou wilt send to the manufacturer with the additional pieces that you suggest. In case thou dost not order the porcelain in person thou wilt have the trouble of putting my list into french, which I could not do, so as to make it intelligible to them if I attempted it.

I send for two centre dishes to provide for breaking one. I have not enquired if W.R. has funds in thy hands now and with the bill I will thank thee for a line pointing out ~~the~~ out the way in which I shall pay it that will be the most agreeable to thee,

Please order the box directed as before to Wm. Rodman consigned to Barrow & Prior, N.Y. I wish Mme.W. & thee would come over with it and how delighted my Mary and I should be to make a party for you and thus dedicate the porcelain.

Accept my affectionate congratulations on your new character of grandparent what an era in married life is the first birth of another generation. It must seem very like beginning again with your own children,- only the charm may be a little more free from care and anxiety,- Long may you enjoy this double life in your descendants attended with every blessing to you & to them

8 dishes standing on a foot for such things as Chicken, celery, lobster salad etc etc. These if measured with water, to hold 3 pints each.

2 Centre dishes somewhat different in form from the others standing on a higher foot.

12 side Dishes for Jelly, Blancmange etc. etc. of three different shapes according to the fancy,- four of each shape,-- indeed the shapes or forms of all the Dishes to be directed by your good taste.

2 quart Pitchers

2 dozen shallow plates like the pattern sent.

2 dozen deep plates of the same size.

They must refer to their books if they are at any loss about the beauty and rich gilding of what they made for me at thy order as a gentleman told me they did not remember what they made two years before.

To Miss Rotch from Jer. Winslow.

Havre 14 May 1847

My dear friend,

I received by Mr. Eliot thy very amiable letter and a plate as a sample. As I could not describe by writing exactly what was wanted, I decided not to give the order for porcelaine until I should go to Paris with Mrs. Winslow. We returned yesterday from the Capital, when there we selected the different pieces thou requested, and added two assiettes montees, or three plates of different sizes one above another thus $\$$ for bons bons and other trifling things; the porcelaine is white and must be colored, which we were informed would require nearly a month. I much regret not having it ready to go by Capt. Anthony who is now here.

I hope in the course of next year to make you a visit with my son Edward, the
My daughter Maria is also very desirous of seeing land of her forefathers, but I doubt whether her mother would consent to her undertaking such a voyage, mais nous verrons. I believe nothing could induce my wife to cross the Atlantic again, she suffered so much during her last voyage; her health is delicate, but I think the journey to Paris has been beneficial; we now go by the railroad in six hours, which is a great convenience.

Our ship Liencourt sails from here on the 7th of this month for New York Wm. R. Rodman will have some articles to send by this ship, and if thou should wish anything from this Country thy nephew will with pleasure send to New York models of what may be wanted, and Mrs. W. and myself shall be gratified if we can be serviceable to thee

This is the last day for writing by the steamer from Liverpool.

Remember my civilities to thy Mary, and believe me thy grateful and affec^d.

This is the last day for visiting of the Museum from Liverpool.
and the collection in the Museum and believed as the greatest of all.

details of what was to be done, and that it was agreed that it was
also arranged from this country the papers will also be sent to New York
at Liverpool. All have been tried to send by this ship, and it was decided
that only documents sent from New York at the end of the month for New York
the papers, which are great collections.

I think the money to take has been sent, and as far as the money is
concerned, the collection is much better, but I am not sure that it is better, but
I think that the money sent to be sent to the Museum, and it is better
my daughter's name is also very famous of history, and as far as the money, but
I hope in the course of some years to have a visit with my son Robert,
by Lady, Lady and in New York.

Robert would require nearly a month. I think Robert was better, it was to go
like Robert, the collection is better, but what he collected, which he was in-
different about and a new method was
for the money and other things.
which have suggested, and what the original museum, the same kind of
is returned yesterday from the original, and there we received the different
give the order for collection until I should be in Paris with Mrs. Wilson,
as I could not have been by myself, and was asked, I decided not to
I received by Mr. Wilson the very valuable letters and a photo as a sample.
My dear friend,

Yours in New York
To Miss Robert from New York.

no they did not remember that they were too young before.
and with nothing of what they had for me at the time as a collection, and
they must have to their books if they are at my house about the house.

To Miss Rotch from Jeremiah Winslow

Albany.

Havre 6mo. 24th, 1847

My dear friend,

I send to Barrows & Prior by the Albany, Capt. Davis the case of porcelaine, original invoice of which is here enclosed, and I have requested Barrows & Prior to forward the case to Wm.R.Rodman.

I hope thou wilt be satisfied with the articles; Mrs. Winslow and I selected the models and thou must accuse of want of taste if the various forms should not suit thee. As the case was packed and sealed at the Custom House in Paris we could not open it here and therefore have not seen the contents, but we have full confidence in Louis André & Cie. and have no doubt of their having put up the pices orderēd. I have particularly requested the Captain's attention to the case, and hope it will arrive safely without any breakage.

Mrs. Winslow continues to take a shower bath of cold sea water every morning, which she thinks very beneficial to her health.

Albert Tschanner his wife and child are on a visit to their friends at Bern, and will be absent several weeks; Caroline is delighted with the scenery in Switzerland, and she found the banks of the Rhine from Cologne to Mayence magnificent.

Mrs. W. joins me in presenting to thee our kind civilities and I am as ever thy

very devoted friend

Jer. Winslow

